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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 47**

Introduced by Brashear, 4

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Committee: Judiciary

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Judicial Resources Commission; to amend
- 2 section 24-1204, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1998; to
- 3 authorize use of teleconferencing; and to repeal the
- 4 original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 24-1204, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
2 1998, is amended to read:

3           24-1204. In the event of the death, retirement,  
4 resignation, or removal of a district, county, or separate juvenile  
5 judge or the failure of a district, county, or separate juvenile  
6 judge to be retained in office or upon the request of a majority of  
7 the members of the Judicial Resources Commission, the commission  
8 shall, after holding a public hearing, determine whether a judicial  
9 vacancy exists in the affected district or any other judicial  
10 district or whether a new judgeship or change in number of judicial  
11 districts or boundaries is appropriate. If the commission  
12 determines a vacancy exists in a district or county court district,  
13 the commission may also make a recommendation to the Supreme Court  
14 of the site for a primary office location. The public hearing may  
15 include videoconferencing, or if the judicial workload statistics  
16 compiled pursuant to section 24-1007 indicate a need for a number  
17 of judges equal to or greater than the number currently authorized  
18 by law, the commission may conduct a hearing by telephone  
19 conference. If a telephone conference is used, a recording shall  
20 be made of the telephone conference and maintained by the  
21 commission for at least one year.

22           Sec. 2. Original section 24-1204, Revised Statutes  
23 Supplement, 1998, is repealed.